Exemption from Payment of Co-operative dues by Small Farmers

268. SRI GOVIND P. VADEYARAJ (Kamalapur)—Will the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is not a fact that the Chief Minister (Sri D. Devaraja Urs) while addressing the workers of his part in Chitradurga during 1972-73 told them he had asked the Co-operation Department to prepare a list of poor farmers holding less than 10 acres or so for being considered for giving exemption from payment of Co operation dues and that the Government would soon take decision ;

(b) if so, the reason for not preparing the list so far and action taken thereon ;

(c) will the Government at least now consider this question seriously and ask the Co-operative Department to prepare the list as stated above and grant exemption ?

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR, (Minister for Co-operation).—

(a) No instructions were issued to the Co-operative Department (for preparing a list of poor farmers withholding less than 10 acres for giving exemption from payment of co-operative dues, either during 1972-73 or subsequently).

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Exemption from payment of Co-operative dues by small farmers by Government is difficult to be considered as the loans advanced to farmers are borrowing by the District Central Co-op. Banks from the Reserve Bank of India which will have to be repaid.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗೋವಿಂದ ಪಿ. ಒಡೆಯರಾಜ್.—೧೯೭೨-೭೩ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್‌ರವರು ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಪಕ್ಷದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕರ್ತರನ್ನುದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿ ಭಾಷಣ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾಗ ಒಂದು ಮಾತನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದರು. ಅದು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೂಡ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಬಹುಶಃ ಇನೇ ಆಗಸ್ಟ್ ಇರಬಹುದು. ೧೦ ಎಕರೆಗೆ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ಸಣ್ಣ ಹಿಡುವಳಿಗಾರರ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಿ ಅವರಿಂದ ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಬರಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ ಬಾಕಿಯನ್ನು ಮನ್ನಾ ಮಾಡುವ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆದಷ್ಟು ಬೇಗನೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ನಿರ್ಧಾರ ಕೈಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿರುವುದು ನಿಜವಲ್ಲವೆ ? ಈ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಆಶ್ವಾಸನೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವುದು ಸತ್ಯವೋ ಅಲ್ಲವೋ ? ತಾವು ಈಗಲಾದರೂ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

† SRI V. M. KUSNOOR:—Sir, we have not come across such kind of statement by the Hon Chief Minister. The contention of the hon.Member is th t it has been given in the Congress Party Workers meeting and we have tried to get that information from the Deputy Register of Co-operative Societies. They say that there is no such information. We have also tried to get that information from the

Deputy Commissioner and also the Superintendent of Police. They said whatever statements made in the party workers meeting is not reported to the Deputy Commissioner or Superintendent of Police, therefore they reported that they do not have any such information. Therefore, I have given this information.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗೋವಿಂದ ಪಿ. ಒಡೆಯರಾಜ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಪೇಪರ್ ಕಟಿಂಗ್ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಕಡೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರವರ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ತಾವು ಅದನ್ನಾದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಸಣ್ಣ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR.—Paper cuttings are not athenticated and not correct unless it is verified from the Chief Minister. If the Chief Minister says that he has said so, I will accept, but on the basis of the statement in the papers I am not going to accept.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗೋವಿಂದ ಪಿ. ಒಡೆಯರಾಜ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಇದು ನನ್ನ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಲ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳವರು ಹೇಳಿರುವ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅದನ್ನು ಅವರಿಗೆ ತೋರಿಸಿ. ಅವರು ಹೇಳಿರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ನಿಜವಾದರೆ ಈ ಬಡ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಕೊಡಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿರಾ ?

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR.—As stated in reply to (c) it is very difficult. I have already answered it. This amount has been advanced by the Apex Bank after getting it from the Reserve Bank. Nearly Rs. 24 crores have been given by the Apex Bank and Rs. 19 crores by the D.C.C. Bank. We cannot exempt them. If the hon. Member uses his influence with the R.B.I. and A.R.D.C. if they agree to exempt, then we have no objection.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗೋವಿಂದ ಪಿ. ಒಡೆಯರಾಜ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಇದು ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಸಣ್ಣ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಪಟ್ಟಿದ್ದು. ಇವೊತ್ತು ಅವರು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರತಕ್ಕ ಹಣಕ್ಕಿಂತಲೂ, ಈ ರೆಕವರಿ ಚಾರ್ಜಸ್ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಹಕಾರಿ ರಂಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿದವರು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. To recover recovery charges is illegal and to recover decretal amount is immoral. ಹೀಗೆ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಸಣ್ಣ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ರಿಸರ್ವ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನಿಂದ ಪಡೆದ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಮಾಫಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವರು ಒಂದು ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರೆ, ಪೀನಲ್ ಇಂಟರೆಸ್ಟ್, ರೆಕವರಿ ಚಾರ್ಜ್‌ಸ್, ಡಿಕ್ರಿಟಲ್ ಚಾರ್ಜ್‌ಸ್ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಒಟ್ಟು ಸೇರಿಸಿದರೆ ಸುಮಾರು ೫-೬ ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸಣ್ಣ ರೈತರ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಮ್‌ಷನ್ ಕೊಡುವ ವಿಚಾರದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR.—I think he is talking about long-term loan. Whatever I have answered is about short-term and medium-term loans. About charging recovery charges, recently the Reserve Bank has appointed the Sivaraman Committee to go into all these questions. We will have to wait till that report comes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗೋವಿಂದ ಪಿ. ಒಡೆಯರಾಜ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಈ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಮಹಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ದವರು ಬಹಳವಾಗಿ ವಿಚಾರಮಾಡಿ ಪೀನಲ್ ಇಂಟರೆಸ್ಟ್ ವೇವ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮಹಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರದವರು ಈ ರೀತಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅವರನ್ನು ಕನ್‌ಸಲ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಕೂಡ ಆ ರೀತಿ ಮಾಡಲಿಕೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ತಾವು ಅವರನ್ನು ಕನ್‌ಸಲ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಪೀನಲ್ ಇಂಟರೆಸ್ಟ್ ವೇವ್ ಮಾಡ ಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR.—The Reserve Bank has told the Maharashtra Government that this is our money and why they have given such kind of exemption. There is a dialogue going on between the m. I have to wait and see what action they are going to take against Maharashtra Government's action.

Spending of the amount of Development Cess

319 SRI P. A. PAWASHE (Uchagaon)—Will the Minister of State for Regulated Markets be pleased to state:—

(a) since when the APMCs are collecting developmental cess;

(b) what is the total amount of developmental cess that has been collected by the Belgaum Taluk Agril. Produce Market Committee since then;

(c) whether it is a fact that the amount of development cess collected by the Agril. Produce Market Committee is to be spent in the same taluka?

SRI A. B. JAKANUR (Minister of State for Regulated Markets)

(a) The Market Committees are not collecting developmental cess, but they were collecting market fee from sellers at 1% with effect from 19th May 1978 under Section 65 (1) of the Karnataka Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1966.

(b) The total amount collected by the Agricultural Produce Market Committee Belgaum by way of market fee from sellers since then is Rs. 26,83,537-18.

(c) No.

SRI P. A. PAWASHE:—Supplementary to (a) Is it a fact that they were collecting 1% more from the buyers also?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಬಿ. ಜಕ್ಕನೂರು.—ಹೌದು. ಒಂದು ಪರ್‌ಸೆಂಟ್ ಕಲೆಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಇತ್ತು...

SRI B. B. SAYANAK:-There is a ruling from the Speaker that when a question is put in English it should be answered in English. Why is the Minister answering in Kannada?

MR. SPEAKER:—If the Hon. Member wants to say something I will give an opportunity. But when the Hon. Minister is standing and replying, can he obstruct?

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—You have given a ruling.

SRI P. A PAWASHE.- Let him reply in English.

MR. SPEAKER.- Let the Hon. Minister complete the reply.